

House Resolution No. 3531

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State religious institutions which admirably meet the spiritual needs of local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Assumption Catholic Church in Jamestown, Missouri, was founded by Father Ferdinand Helias, S.J., in 1838 and was popularly known as Cedron Church after its geographical location or Becker's Church because the land on which it sat was donated by the Becker family; and

Whereas, the fourth of seven churches founded by Father Helias, Becker's Church became Assumption Church of Moniteau before adopting its current name of Assumption Catholic Church on the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15, 1855; and

Whereas, currently led by Father Greg Higley, Assumption Catholic Church is distinguished as the oldest church of its denomination in Moniteau County; and

Whereas, Assumption Catholic Church early in its history was composed of German immigrant families with such names as Fischer, Strickfaden, Dick, Zey, Baker, Klein, Imhoff, Weingartner, Wittman, Heinen, Schweitzer, Emriche, and Walterscheid; and

Whereas, after constructing a log church in 1843, the parishioners of Assumption Catholic Church built a log schoolhouse in 1857 and then a frame school in 1886 which is now used for social activities; and

Whereas, from 1867 to 1872 the members of Assumption Catholic Church labored on a brick structure in which to worship, followed in 1903 by an addition with a bell tower; in 1914 by new windows, a metal ceiling, and a frescoed interior; and in 1951 by a complete renovation; and

Whereas, Assumption Catholic Church has maintained a cemetery, the oldest marker of which is dated November 1841:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long history of spiritual service so generously given by Assumption Catholic Church and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they celebrate the One Hundred Sixty-seventh Anniversary of the founding of their church and the One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary of its renaming as Assumption Catholic Church; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Assumption Catholic Church of Jamestown, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Kenny Jones
District No. 117

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3531, adopted May 23, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker